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Draft report

Chapter __. Organizational and other matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development of the Commission on Sustainable Development met in New York from 6 to 10 March 2000, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1999/280 of 29 July 1999. The Group held ___ meetings (1st-___ meetings).

2. The session was opened by the Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, Choi Seok-Young (Republic of Korea).

3. The Director of the Division for Sustainable Development made an introductory statement. The Chairman of the World Energy Assessment Editorial Board made a presentation.

B. Election of officers

4. At its 1st meeting, on 6 March, the Group of Experts elected Mohammad Reza Salamat (Islamic Republic of Iran) as co-chairman by acclamation. The Group of Experts also elected Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl (Austria) as co-chairperson by secret ballot.

5. At the same meeting, the Group of Experts elected Marcio Numes (Brazil) and Jaroslav Maroušek (Czech Republic), as co-chairmen by acclamation.

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C. Agenda and organization of work

6. At its 1st meeting, on 6 March, the Group of Experts adopted its provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.17/ESD/2000/1 and approved its organization of work. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Preparations for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on energy issues.
4. Provisional agenda for the second session of the Group of Experts.
5. Adoption of the report of the Group of Experts on its first session.

D. Attendance

7. The session was attended by representatives of ___ States members of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for the European Community, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and secretariats of treaty bodies as well as observers for intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations also attended.

E. Documentation

8. The Group of Experts had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on national submissions (E/CN.17/ESD/2000/2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on key issues of energy and sustainable development (E/CN.17/ESD/2000/3);

(c) Letter dated 15 February 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/ESD/2000/4);

(d) Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development (E/1999/32-E/C.14/1999/2).